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MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/DCI/IC

SUBJECT: Comments on [ ] Memorandum of  
19 July re Community Analysis and OMB  
Proposal

1. I mostly concur with [ ] thoughtful remarks,  
attached. But I have the following to add:

-- I think that instead of concentrating on procedures,  
as [ ] does, we should develop an objective and a specific  
route to achieve it. The objective I have in mind would be the  
modernization and automation of national current intelligence.  
And the route would be travelled, at least in the first instance,  
by OCI.

-- At my suggestion, [ ] accompanied by  
[ ] recently visited the Detroit News to see if its automated,  
computerized procedures really work. Tom reported back  
that the system at the News seems to be far in advance of  
anything comparable elsewhere and that indeed it works.  
(They also reported that the man who developed the system  
will retire in a year or so, and I think maybe--if this project  
is pursued--we should try to hire him, at least as a consultant.)

-- I agree with [ ] that in this case ecumenism  
would likely sink the ship and that only one component should  
run the test. And as suggested above, that component should be  
OCI, for a variety of reasons I need not elucidate here. But  
it should also be understood that OCI will do so as an agent for  
the community and that, for this reason, IC Staff would have  
to maintain some form of control.

-- Few, if any, of the suggestions above contradict the  
proposals in [ ] memo of 19 July. What I have in mind for  
OCI however would fall under the rubric, "The Future of Current  
Intelligence," rather than "The Future of Information Handling"  
or "The Future of Community Analysis."

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2. I think we should move ahead as [ ] suggests and have a planning meeting chaired by the ICS front office. This should settle the question of charters and who in the community should participate. But unlike [ ] I am not sure that we need to assign a lot of people to surveys of existing systems. (Offhand I can't think of a better way to get bogged down than for a committee to look at everything everybody else is doing or has done in the past, which is not to say that I am opposed to benefiting from other people's wisdom.) Following the initial ICS meeting, I think we should consult with the DDI and with the D/OCI to win their interest and support and to suggest that there will be enough money here to proceed without relying extensively on their already heavily taxed resources. Assuming we gain their adherence, we could then proceed to a second PRD/IHC-chaired meeting which would lay out specifics.

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